

ly incurred, or devoted to objects as unauthorised as they were unwarrantable.

It is asserted that a refusal to contribute at this time to the canal, endangers what the State has already advanced. Nothing need be apprehended on this head, at least, nothing in comparison to the injury which the State must sustain by entrusting the future management of the affairs of this company to individuals unconnected with, and irresponsible to the State. That the General Government will contribute something towards the completion of this work is not to be doubted. She owes it to the State either to contribute towards its completion, or make some remuneration for the additional expence which has been incurred and in adopting the work to the wants and wishes of the General Government. When it is borne in mind that this work in all human probability, would have been completed, had it been constructed as originally designed, had no such enlargement been made, it cannot be asking too much, either to contribute, or to remunerate the State for the additional cost which the State has been subject to. They therefore respectfully recommend the following preamble and resolutions.

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Whereas, the United States, the cities of the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland, in view of their common interest in the Ches. & Ohio canal, did upon the commencement of that work, contribute in just proportions, a sum of money, which was at the moment supposed to be sufficient for its completion; And whereas this State has subsequently contributed to the same object, the sum \$5,125,000, over and above the amount of its original subscription, it is unjust that the State should be burthened with the entire cost of completing this work, from which the other parties are to derive advantages, equal at the least, to those which can result to the State, whilst the other parties retain their controul over the work, and their right to share in the immediate profits, as proprietors thereof, and more especially as additional contributions, are rendered necessary, by the application of a large portion of the funds of the company to the construction of a commodious basin in the city of Washington, and the immense expenditures occasioned by an enlargement of the dimensions of the canal, in accordance with the wishes of the General Government:—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to so-